















## IT IS A QUESTION OF RATES.

Will Wheat Shipments to Tacoma Secure Special Privileges?

Our Northern Pacific Railroad Company is trying to have a Free Mill Rule at Tacoma. What the Mills Are Doing.

"How is the flour trade now?" asked a reporter of Mr. William Dunbar, yesterday. "It is rather dull at present and requires advertising to make both ends meet. Advertising however is not success at present, as the mills are all on the same scale than that is work for."

"Where does most of the flour made here

"The English market takes most of it, but it takes our wheat better than our flour. High freight rates help the flour business here."

"Are we selling much flour to China?"

"It will take time to build up the flour trade with China. California has had a strong hold on the trade, and still retains it. We are trying to make them in price, and sacrifice in quality, but it hasn't the strength of California's flour."

"Mr. T. B. Wilcox, manager of the Portland Flouring Mills Company said: 'The proposed mill will not be very light. We have a small mill, which exceeds one of the two at Oregon City. We have one running here, one at Oregon City, one at Salem and one at Dayton, W. Va.'

"Our object in building a mill at Tacoma?"

"The Northern Pacific Railroad Company wants a mill there, and if we can get such rates as we want, we will build it."

"What rates have been offered?"

"Nothing definitely has been arrived at. No negotiations have been made with anyone in Tacoma, as yet."

"We shall have quite a number of mills in Oregon."

"You more than we want. We have to keep them running, however."

"What would you not move one over from this section?"

"No, if we build there we shall build a complete new mill."

"Will you not make your mill which is idle at Oregon City?"

"We shall shortly put that in repair and set it going."

"What is your flour trade with the Sound?"

"The Oregon mills are laying down flour on the Sound so cheap that we can't compete with them."

"Do you ship any flour to the Sound?"

"We consider the valley flour going over there. The Eastern Oregon flour is not so good as the valley flour, but it is cheaper and works its way in. We expect, however, that when our flour comes in, we shall supply a demand which Eastern Oregon flour cannot fill."

"There are a number of flouring mills along the Columbia. One at Oregon City, owned by Mr. Jones, and another by Mr. Jones, one at Salem, owned by a Scotch company, one at Turner, one at Silverton. The mills throughout the country are generally owned by three men, Mr. Jones, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Jones, who has a large mill at Pendleton which supplies a large local trade. Mr. Jones has a mill at Wells, Walla, and another at the mouth of the Columbia. There is a mill at Spokane Falls which supplies local trade principally. Taking everything into consideration it does seem as if the prospect for flour in Oregon is not very bright, but no one can tell what a day may bring forth, and prospects may brighten after harvest."

J. FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKED.

At 6 A. M. a Smash-up Near Portland resulted in Much Loss.

A freight train loaded with miscellaneous goods and one or more loads of horses derailed in two near Pendleton on the O. R. & N. The Sunday evening. The two divisions of the train collided while going down grade, and a smash-up resulted, in which cars were damaged and a number of horses killed.

DIDN'T LET FIFTY INCHES OF WATER RUN.

This is What Cost the Nelson Mining Company Exactly \$200.

A hearing was had in the United States circuit court yesterday in two cases of iron against the Nelson Mining Company, on an order to allow cause why defendants should not be punished for contempt. The court found that the defendants had wilfully violated the injunctions of the court by not stopping the inflow of water to run the mine during the month of July, for the benefit in each of the two cases, and imposed a fine ex. p. of \$200 upon the defendants in each case, for the use of the plaintiffs to compensate them for their costs in the action. In the second case, it was ordered that unless the money was paid at once, attachment should be issued for the arrest of the superintendent of the mine.

TERITORIAL AFFAIRS.

Auditor Murphy of Washington Notes Some Interesting Facts.

John Miller Murphy, the genial but democratic auditor of Washington territory, who has been in the city several days, says the financial affairs of the territory are in good condition, notwithstanding the large appropriations made by the legislature. There has been a very considerable increase in the valuation of property, resulting not only from the new law, by which taxes are to be assessed on the value of property, but also by reason of increase of valuation of property generally. Mr. Murphy thinks the combination for delegate to convention on the subject of the admission of the state in the east and Madsen or Powell in the west. He believes if the supreme court decides the woman's suffrage law is a valid one, that Allen will be nominated for delegate to the convention. The law is decided now, that Allen will be dictated by some anti-suffrage man.

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